<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-95 are pending in this application. Claims 1-37, 58-60, 65, 85-86, 91 and 93 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants note that claims 1-37, 58-60, 65, 85-86, 91 and 93 have not been cancelled for any reason related to patentability. As such the claims of the instant application have not yet been subject to substantive examination. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this or a future related application.

Claims 38, 45-47, 49, 57, 61-64, 66, 68-69, 71-76, 78, 87-90, 92, and 94-95 have been amended primarily to correct typographical or clerical errors. Support for the amendment to claim 57 can be found, for example, at p. 58, ll. 14-18. Support for the amendment to claim 63 can be found, for example, at p. 64, ll. 11-15. It is submitted that no new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Claims 96-100 have been newly added. Support for the newly added claims 96-99 can be found, for example, in the original claims, and at p. 12, ll. 15-23 of the application. Support for claim 100 can be found, for example, at p.35. ll. 17-19 of the application. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 38-57, 61-64, 66-84, 87-90, 92, and 94-100 will be pending in this application.

The specification has been amended to correct minor clerical, typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

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CONCLUSIONS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 38-57, 61-64, 66-84, 87-90, 92, and 94-100 will be pending in this application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. However, if any fees are due, please charge the payments due to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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